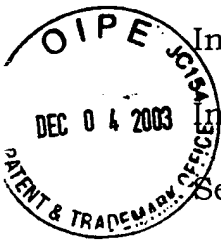


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Akio KONISHI

Serial Number : 09/934,546

Filed : August 23, 2001

For : APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING POWDERY
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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 4, 2003

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted response to the Official action mailed August 4, 2003. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before December 4, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: